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List of bank and giro accounts opened in the name of the European Patent Organisation and corresponding currencies for payment

Liste des comptes bancaires et de chèques postaux ouverts au nom de l'Organisation européenne des brevets et des monnaies de paiement correspondantes

	Bankkonten Bank accounts Comptes bancaires	Postcheckkonten Giro accounts Comptes de chèques postaux	Zahlungswährung Currency for payment Monnaie de paiement
AT	N° 102-133-851/00 (BLZ 12000) Bank Austria AG Am Hof 2 A-1010 Wien	N° 7451.030 Österreichische Postsparkasse Georg-Coch-Platz 2 A-1018 Wien	Österr. Schilling (ATS/EUR)
BE	N° 310-0449878-78 Banque Bruxelles Lambert BP 848 B-1000 Bruxelles	N° 000-1154426-29 Banque de la Poste B-1100 Bruxelles	Franc belge (BEF/EUR)
CH	N° 322 005 01 B UBS CH-8021 Zürich	N° 30-30786-1 Zahlungsverkehr PTT Verarbeitungszentrum CH-4040 Basel	Franc suisse (CHF)
CY	N° 0155-08-000-650 Bank of Cyprus 21, Evagoras Av. P. O. Box 1472 CY - 1589 Nicosia		Cyprus Pound (CYP)
DE	N° 3 338 800 00 (BLZ 700 800 00) Dresdner Bank Promenadeplatz 7 D-80273 München	N° 300-800 (BLZ 700 100 80) Postbank München D-80318 München	Deutsche Mark (DEM/EUR)
DK	N° 3015133758 Danske Bank Holmens Kanal Dept. Holmens Kanal 2 DK-1090 København K.	N° 889-5892 GIROBANK A/S Girostrøget 1 DK-0800 Høje Taastrup	Danske kroner (DKK)
ES	N° 0162/5905/88/0290348002 BBVA Calle Alcalá 16, 3a Planta E-28014 Madrid		Peseta española (ESP/EUR)
FI	N° 200118-182076 Nordea Bank Sensatintori FIN-00020 Merita	N° 800013-80405 Sampo Fabianinkatu 23 FIN-00007 Helsinki	Suomen Markka (FIM/EUR)
FR	N° 200 20483, Code banque 30 004, Code guichet 00 587, Cle Rib 29 BNP Agence France-Etranger 2 Place de l'Opéra F-75002 Paris		Franc français (FRF/EUR)
GB	N° 60 271 489 (sorting-code 20-00-00) Barclays Bank PLC 54 Lombard Street P.O. Box 544 GB-London EC3V 9EX		Pound Sterling (GBP)
GR	N° 112002002007046 Credit Bank AE Athens Tower Branch 2, Messoghion Avenue GR-115 27 Athens		Greek Drachma (GRD/EUR)
IE	N° 30882201 (Bank Code 80-14-80) Bank of Ireland Lower Baggot Street Branch P.O. Box 3131 IRL-Dublin 2		Irish pound (IEP/EUR)
IT	N° 935832.01.84, ABI 02002 / CAB 03200 Banca Commerciale Italiana Via del Plebiscito 112 I-00186 Roma	N° 10568277 Poste italiane C.U.A.S. Piazza Vesuvio 6 I-20144 Milano	Lira italiana (ITL/EUR)
LU	N° 7-108/9134/200 Banque Internationale à Luxembourg 69, route d'Esch L-2959 Luxembourg	N° 28421-37 Administration des P. & T. Chèques postaux BP 2500 L-1090 Luxembourg	Franc belge (BEF/EUR)
MC	N° 254 22154, Code Banque 30 004, Code Guichet 09 179, Cle Rib 91 BNP Succursale de Monte-Carlo Galerie Charles III Avenue des Spélugues Boite Postale 128 MC-95007 Monaco Cedex		Franc français (FRF/EUR)
NL	N° 51.38.38.547 ABN-AMRO Bank NV Kruisendijk 1, Postbus 165 NL-2501 AP Den Haag	N° 4012627 Postbank NV NL-6800 MA Arnhem	Nederlandse Gulden (NLG/EUR)
PT	N° 0015 / 0020 08-8391145 / 05 Sotta Mayor Av. Fontes Pereira de Melo 7 P-1000 Lisboa		Escudo português (PTE/EUR)
SE	N° 122 687 108 Bankgiro N° 5843-6155 Svenska Handelsbanken S-10670 Stockholm	N° 7 41 53-8 Postgirot S-10506 Stockholm	Svenska kronor (SEK)
TR	N° 4214-301120-1038000 Türkiye İS Bankası Gazi Mustafa Kemal Bulvarı 8 TR-06540 Kızılay/Ankara		Euro (EUR)



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